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1. TODAY'S PRESS PICKS UP WHERE INFORMATION AND LAND
AND FOLK LEFT OFF YESTERDAY. (REFTEL) AND REPEATS NPG
MEETING DATES AND PLACE AS APRIL 18-19 IN FREDERIKSHAVN.
(WE HAVE LEARNED FROM MFA SOURCES THAT THE PRESS
RELEASE PREPARED BY THE NATO SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS

HAD BEEN ROUTINELY DISTRIBUTED BY THE MFA PRESS SECTION
HERE ON MARCH 28 TO THE DANISH MEDIA WITH AN EMBARGO
OF APRIL 14. INFORMATION AND LAND AND FOLK BROKE THE
EMBARGO.)

2. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE POUL SOGAARD
AND MFA NATO AFFAIRS CHIEF TORBEN FROST TODAY, WE
EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER THE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WILL
ALMOST CERTAINLY OCCUR. WE ALSO NOTED THAT THE PUBLICITY
GIVEN SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE COMMENSURATE
WITH THEIR SIZE AND VIGOR.

3. BOTH SOGAARD AND FROST REGRETTED THE BREAK OF THE
EMBARGO BUT ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS CAN
BE CONTROLLED. SOGAARD NOTED THAT ABOUT 350 POLICE
WOULD BE AVAILABLE. FROST OBSERVED THAT THE CONTINUING
DISCUSSIONS AND PLANNING BETWEEN DANISH AND NATO SECURITY
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION OF DEMON-
STRATIONS.

4. IN SHORT, COMPETENT DANISH AUTHORITIES SEEM TO BE
CONFIDENT THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS CAN BE CONTROLLED AND
PUBLICITY ACCORDINGLY LIMITED.

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